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SUBJ: ALGERIAN VISA REGULATIONS RE: TRADE MISSION MEMBERS

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1. AS FAR AS USINT ALGIERS CAN DETERMINE, THERE IS NO OFFICIAL REPEAT OFFICIAL ALGERIAN PROHIBITION ON SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL PASSPORT STAMPS. HOWEVER, USINT HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF AMCITS HAVING DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING AND, IN SEVERAL INSTANCES BEING DENIED, VISAS BECAUSE THEIR PASSPORTS CONTAINED THESE STAMPS. ALSO SOME PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH ALGERIAN AIRPORT OFFICIALS UPON ENTRY AT ALGIERS BECAUSE THEIR PASSPORTS CONTAINED THESE STAMPS. ALSO SOME PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMENT HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH ALGERIAN AIRPORT OFFICIALS UPON ENTRY AT ALGIERS BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICAN OR PORTUGUESE STAMPS IN THEIR PASSPORTS, DESPITE FACT THEY HAD ALGERIAN VISAS.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE REFERENCE HOSPITAL/MEDICAL TRADE MISSION WHO HAVE SOUTH AFRICA/AND OR/PORTUGAL ENTRY STAMPS IN THEIR PASSPORTS, ALREADY HAVE BEEN GRANTED ALGERIAN VISAS, DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ENTRY DIFFICULTIES IN ALGIERS, ESPECIALLY IF MISSION ARRIVES AS A GROUP ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.EAGLETON

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